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Mr. Frank LeBron Patent and Trademark Office Refund Department - Box 17 Washington, D.C. 20231

RE:

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Dear Mr. LeBron:

The following chart shows discrepancies noted on our monthly deposit account statement. Please review these items and contact me with your findings **as soon as possible**. If you require additional information, my number is (716) 263-1211. Thank you for your assistance.

Date	Control No.	Serial No.	Our Ref. No.	Fee Code	Refund Amount	Reason for Refund Request
8/21/2000 01210960 1138 8/21/2000	12	09/637,444	176/60561	204	\$9.00	Applicants filed a formal application based on a Provisional application (Serial No. 60/148,814) on 8/11/2000. A check was filed in the amount of \$949.00 to cover the basic filing fee (\$345), the total claims fee (\$396), the independent claims fee (\$78) and multiple dependent claim fee (\$130). There were 64 total claims in the application (5 independent claims and 59 dependent claims). Applicants' records indicate that the additional \$9.00 for multiple dependent claim should not have been charged and thus respectfully request a refund.

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8/22/2000	79	09/637,127	20011/1162	102	\$114.00	Applicants filed a Divisional application with a Preliminary Amendment on 8/9/2000. A check was filed in the amount of \$1,164.00 to cover the basic filing fee (\$690), the total claims fee (\$396) and the independent claims fee (\$78). There were 55 total claims in the original parent application (9 independent claims and 46 dependent claims). The Preliminary Amendment canceled 5 independent claims and canceled 8 dependent claims (4 independent and 38 dependent). Applicants' records indicate that the additional \$114.00 for independent claims in excess of three should not have been charged and thus respectfully request a refund.
8/28/2000	50	09/601,310	202021/140	964	\$78.00	Applicants filed a U.S. National application on 7/31/2000. A check was filed in the amount of \$1,1376.00 to cover the basic filing fee (\$970), the total claims fee (\$198), the independent claims fee (\$78) and surcharge for filing later than 20 months from claimed priority date (\$130). There were 31 total claims in the application (4 independent claims and 27 dependent claims). Applicants' records indicate that the additional \$78.00 for independent claims in excess of three should not have been charged and thus respectfully request a refund.

Sincerely,

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